

**Passaic, Hackensack and Newark Bay Remediation Branch Weekly Report**  
**July 15, 2020**  
**Enforcement Confidential**

**RA or DD updates for the week of July 20, 2020:**

**Hot Issues:**

**Past Week:**

**Upcoming:** Riverside Industrial Park: The Proposed Plan is scheduled to be released on July 22, with a virtual public meeting to be held on August 5.

**Regional Administrator's Pending Action Items:**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date Sent to RA's Office</u>	<u>Required By/Due Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>

**Other Items of Special Interest:**

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**Non-RA Highlights:**

**Events List:**

<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>

**Milestone Tracker:**

<u>Site</u>	<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Projected Date</u>
Diamond Alkali OU4	PRAP	Diane Salkie	2020/4
Pierson's Creek OU2	ROD	Pam Tames	2021/1
Riverside Industrial Park	ROD	Josh Smeraldi	2020/4

**Diamond Alkali OU1 (Lister Avenue):**

- Site Evaluation Report Addendum comments from NJDEP received. Comments from EPA team and NJDEP have been compiled **Exemption 5, Deliberative/Pre-decisional**
  - Submittal of Revised Remedy Evaluation Report – 6 weeks from approval of Site Evaluation Report Addendum.
- GSH submitted revised and updated DASS Operation and Maintenance QAPP
- FYR draft available on SharePoint
- EPA approved the following facilities for waste disposal event on July 14:
  - Clean Harbors El Dorado I Incineration Facility
- Oversight bill sent to GSH

**Diamond Alkali OU2 (8.3 miles):**

- Conference calls with Occidental-Glenn Springs continue to discuss EPA's comments on the 60% design. The third of at least four cap design calls will be held on Tuesday; treatability study results and design near bridge corridors will be discussed on Thursday.
- OCC-GSH is proposing to sample cap materials at nine borrow sites around NY and NJ starting on 7/27. A request for approval of the sampling has been submitted.
- Drafting a letter to send to the Corps of Engineers-NY District laying out why we don't think they have justified their request for a five-foot allowance between the bottom of the navigation channel and the top of cap (which is a change from the three-foot allowance assumed in the OU2 ROD).

**Diamond Alkali OU3 (Newark Bay Study Area):**

- Submitted EPA's BERA back-check comments on 7/2, BERA expected Thursday July 21
- EPA submitted additional clarification requested on PRG-RAO memo comments
- Submitted comments on GSH Identification of Candidate Technologies and Technology on Screening Technical Memo on 7/2. NJDEP was not able to submit comments
- Received comments from ORC and PHNBRB Brach Chief on draft Shooters Island Memo, memo is being revised to include comments
- GSH submitted complete NBSA RI document on 7/10, links with document and appendices have been provided to EPA staff, NJDEP, NYSDEC, USFWS and NOAA for review and comment
- Received request from Karl Gustavson to discuss regional responses to CSTAG comment memo
- Oversight bill sent to GSH

**Diamond Alkali OU4 (17-Mile):**

- Addressing comments on the CPG's response to comments on the draft interim remedy FS from ORC and NJDEP.
- Will be discussing comments from NJDEP on the draft interim remedy FS on 7/15
- Draft PRAP is under review by Chloe and ORC. Held a follow up call to discuss a few of their comments.
- Plan to address all comments and prepare the PRAP for submission to HQ when approved to do so
- Began overall site and preferred remedy presentation for the PRAP meeting and/or HQ briefings.

**Universal Oil Products:**

- RD workplan addenda submitted July 13<sup>th</sup>. Anticipate one-month review.
- Tide gate approved installed just prior to Tropical Storm Fay. Sampling in that area planned for approximately 2 months after installation.
- Vapor intrusion report reviewed by Lora, I still have to complete and send comments.
- Honeywell submitted a review QAPP in UFP-QAPP format for GW discharge monitoring plan. Oversight contractors reviewing it.

**Berry's Creek Study Area:**

- Received document tracking table from ELM.
- Rebuild by Design tasking WSP to evaluate sediment scour from the pump station discharge. Not sure of timing because of NJDEP furloughs. Meeting scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Baseline Monitoring water and fish sampling in August.

- Will send a letter to State of New Jersey to assist with obtaining information regarding bridges in project area.

#### **Ventron/Velsicol:**

- No comments on warehouse construction document. Revised O&M plan needs a UFP-QAPP (currently in old format). We will approve work completed and work out new OM&M plan after. Received draft Deed Notice update.
- PRP group submitted a request for additional supporting information to the SCORPIOS report. This is common, and a request has been made to John Koechley to prepare the SPYDER report.

#### **Standard Chlorine:**

- RD: On July 14, sent final comments in redline on Final (100%) RD main text and ARARs table.
- O&M: Ongoing.
- Anthony Pilawski, Section Chief, Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals responded with no legal contact and no management update on 121e permit exemption issue; he forwarded NJDEP's Sharkey's Landfill draft permit.
- Redevelopment:
  - On July 9, discussed EPA's June 23 comments on Morris/TRC on revised RA Work Plan Addendum with developer Keith Morris. Keith said he would have TRC make all changes per EPA redline and copy EPA on formal submittal to NJDEP.
  - Chemical and geotechnical analyses for Pre-Design Investigation for replacement slurry wall expected by end of July/early August. Preliminary Design expected August/September.
  - Next redevelopment fieldwork plan anticipated to be submitted by/through KEY is sewer/water; scope of work currently in discussions among HCIA/Morris, Kearny Municipal Utilities Authority, NJ Transit. Other redevelopment components for EPA review will be Spine Road, stormwater, sewer force main, Building 3 construction.
  - Closing date for Koppers property transfer has moved ahead a month to July 15 due to COVID (HCIA to Morris).

#### **Pierson's Creek:**

- EPA has conditionally approved the draft RI and BHHRA as long as Troy accepts all of our latest comments. The approval letter went out on 6/18/20.
- A conference call was held on 6/23/20 with Troy to discuss the RAOs. The revised RAOs were sent to Geosyntec on 6/29/20.
- Received the draft SOW and AOC back from 429 Delancy on 9/17/19. A call was held with 429 Delancy on 11/20. Received the latest draft AOC from Amelia on 3/24 for review. 429 Delancy is not happy with this latest revision and is preparing a response. On 6/15/20, EPA received 429's redline strikeout. 429 has been given permission to rent their fenced in paved area of their property. EPA will continue to have access as needed for PFAS sampling.
- The Troy invoice was sent out on 4/27/20. Troy requested and received a 30-day extension for payment and they also have some questions about the SCORPIOS report. ORC sent a response to Troy on 6/3/20 answering their questions on the SCORPIOS.
- The future buyer (Salomone) of the Globe Metals (Oberwill) property performed construction on the site and dug up the unnamed tributary adjacent to Globe/Troy and replaced it with piping and drainage features. The Oberwill and Salomone notice letters were sent out on 4/20/20. A conference call was held on 5/7/20 to discuss. CDM assessed the soil stockpiles on 5/5/20 to determine if additional stabilization measures are necessary. Not all the piles are fully covered. We will have CDM sample the piles for disposal and have RCRA determine if the piles are considered hazardous or non-hazardous. Salomone has told ORC that they want to stabilize the piles under an

Order with EPA.

Exemption 5, Attorney client communication; Attorney work product; Deliberative/Pre-decisional; Exemption 7(a), Enforcement

Exemption 5, Attorney client commu

NJDEP will be sending a NAV to Salomone and/or Oberwill shortly.

- Working on the RAF contracting reviews for the OU1 FS work. CO sent a letter to the top three companies this week asking for their staffing plans for the FS. The companies have responded, their responses reviewed and the final AEEB memo has been sent to the CO.

**Riverside Industrial Park:**

- We provided and new RLSO version of the FS to PPG on 7/10 to address PPG's concerns of factual statements in the FS. We asked PPG to respond by Friday 7/17 and we then we can finalize the FS soon afterwards.
- The Technical Support team, ORC, management, and HQ have all reviewed and provided comments on the draft proposed plan. The plan was sent out to everyone for their final review on 7/13.
- We are scheduling publication of the proposed plan for Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> and the public meeting Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- A draft of the community involvement plan has been completed and is under review. This plan will coincide with the release of the proposed plan this summer.